

	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center Policy Manual		Policy Number	1113
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	Resident Sharp Object Possession			

POLICY:

To prevent serious injury to residents and/or staff, the Center will restrict residents from having sharp objects in their possession or their rooms.

PROCEDURE:

1. When a resident is admitted to the Center, all sharp objects in the residents possession will be inventoried. If the person conducting the inventory questions the resident having the sharp object the item will be given to the nurse supervisor for storage until a decision can be made by the Care Plan Review Committee.
2. The Care Plan Team will make decisions concerning a resident having sharp objects based on the resident's mental condition and appropriate use. Every effort will be made to insure the safety of both residents and staff.
3. If a resident inappropriately uses sharp objects they will be immediately taken by staff. Inappropriate use will include:
 - A. Attempting to harm themselves or others.
 - B. Not carrying the object properly.
 - C. Not safeguarding the object from theft or borrowing.
 - D. Damage to building or furniture.